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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This filing is in Response to the September 11, 2000, Notice to File Missing Parts and with the Petition to Revive filed herewith. Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 1 with:

--Figure 5 is a ClustalW alignment of FGF-CX with three other FGF family members. FGF-CX (SEQ ID NO:2) was aligned with human FGF-9 (SEQ ID NO:12), human FGF-16 (SEQ ID NO:9) and Xenopus FGF-CX (SEQ ID NO:24) (Accession Numbers D14838, AB009391 and AB012615, respectively).--

Replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 19 with:

-- Figure 13 presents an analysis of the FGF-CX gene (SEQ ID NO:25), including the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of FGF-CX. The initiation and stop codons are in bold, and an in frame stop codon residing in the 5' UTR is underlined.--

Insert the submitted sequence listing pages 1-12, at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended in response to the September 11, 2000, Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants submit herewith a computer readable form (CFR) copy of the